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1. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) --

AT SWEDEN'S INITIATIVE, THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEOG) OF THE HRC DISCUSSED STRATEGY FOR THE UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING AND REVIEWED THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM BY ITEM. EASTERN EUROPEANS ARE EXPECTED TO NOMINATE THE BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP, AND THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE IS LIKELY CHOICE FOR WEOG VICE CHAIRMANSHIP. FRG IS INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING A TEXT ON CHILE ON WHICH IT CAN VOTE "YES," AND THE UK ANNOUNCED IT IS PREPARING A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND IT ENCOURAGED WESTERN SOLIDARITY ON THE ITEM. SEVERAL DELS CONSIDERED IT WORTHWHILE FOR THE WEOG TO CONSULT WITH THE

AFRICANS ABOUT FORMULATING A RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA WHICH THE WEO'S COULD SUPPORT. COSPONSORS (AUSTRIA, ITALY, UK, FRG), OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTION ON AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS ENCOURAGED US TO GO AHEAD WITH IT AGAIN THIS YEAR. FRG CIRCULATED AN INFORMAL DRAFT ON TORTURE. UK URGED THE WEO'S TO CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN ON THE APARTHEID RESOLUTION, SINCE SUPPORT FOR SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD REMOVE THE ONE WEO LEVER AT THE GHANA CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 152)

2. LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES AT 31ST GA --

LATIN PERFORMANCE AT THE 31ST GA REFLECTED BOTH THE FORCE OF TRADITIONAL HEMISPHERIC RELATIONSHIPS AND WESTERN TIES, AS WELL AS ATTRACTIONS OF CLOSER IDENTIFICATION WITH THIRD WORLD. DIVISIONS WITHIN THE LATIN GROUP BETWEEN HISPANICS AND THE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH

MEMBERS CONTINUED TO BE EVIDENT. LATIN ISSUES INCLUDE THE PANAMA CANAL, HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, BELIZEA, AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. PUERTO RICO WAS NOT RAISED FORMALLY, BUT CUBA, IN ITS STATEMENTS, ATTEMPTED TO AGITATE MATTERS, THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES OF VARYING APPROPRIATENESS TO

REITERATE STRONGLY -- AND SOMETIMES OFFENSIVELY -- PANAMANIAN VIEWS ON THE PANAMA CANAL.

ALTHOUGH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN (LATIN) ISSUES WERE AWAY FROM CENTER STAGE, AND WHILE THE LATINOS WERE NOT KEY ACTORS, THEY PROVIDED USDEL SOME IMPORTANT SUPPORT.

IN CONTRAST TO OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS, THE LATINOS TENDED TO ABSTAIN ON POLITICAL ISSUES SENSITIVE TO US, OVERALL, THEIR RECORD ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHERE THERE WAS A FIRM NONALIGNED OR G-77

POSITION, WAS NOT ENCOURAGING. AMONG THOSE WHO SOMETIMES VOTED WITH US, NICARAGUA WAS THE MOST RELIABLE, FOLLOWED BY HAITI AND URUGUAY, AND THEN CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND GRENADA. AMONG THOSE SINGLING US OUT FOR GRATUITOUS CRITICISM WERE CUBA, GUYANA, PANAMA AND

PERU. LATIN SUPPORT FOR PRO-ARAB POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST REMAINED HIGH, WITH, HOWEVER, SOME SLIGHT INCREASE IN ABSTENTIONS O
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SOME ISSUES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 139)

3. STATES OF POL OFFICE IN NEW YORK --

PLO OBSERVER TERZI TOLD MISOFF THAT PROPOSAL TO SEPARATE THE WORKLOAD AND AUGMENT THE PERSONNEL OF THE PLO UN OBSERVER MISSION AND PLO INFORMATION OFFICE WERE REFLECTED IN HIS NEW BUDGET REQUEST, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE APPROVED AT THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 143)

4. PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AT FRENCH CONSULATE --

JAN. 19, 200 STUDENTS FROM THE RAMAZ HEBREW SCHOOL CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE FRENCH CONSULATE TO PROTEST THE FRENCH DECISION TO RELEASE ABU DAOUD. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 153)

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5. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL --

UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL STARTED OFF ITS 23RD SESSION WITH DAY AND HALF MEETING OF BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, JAN. 17 AND 18,

WHICH REVIEWED FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE PROGRAM. COMMON THREAD IN ALL INTERVENTIONS WAS UNDP ACCUMULATION OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES.

ASIDE FROM USSR AND BULGARIA. SPEAKERS STRESSED NEED TO FIND A PRACTICAL SOLUTION. CANADIANS SUGGESTED FREEZE ON ACCPETING THOSE CURRENCIES UNTIL CURRENT HOLDING HAVE RUN DOWN, AND ASKED, "WHY SHOULD

COUNTRIES GET CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS WHEN THE FUNDS CAN'T BE USED?"

BRAZIL SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE BEST IF THOSE COUNTRIES STOP CONTRIBUT-
ING IN SUCH CURRENCIES UNTIL THE ACCUMULATION HAVE BEEN USED UP. US
REPRESENTATIVE (KITCHEN) INDICATED US WOULD TABLE A PROPOSAL LATER
IN THE SESSION. COMMENTS LED TO A DIRECT APPEAL BY ADMINISTRATOR
MORSE TO THE GC FOR CLEAR-CUT GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPER RESOLUTION
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OF THE PROBLEM. ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED IT WAS RECOMMENDING \$44 MILL-

ION INDICATIVE PLANNING FUGURE (PROGRAM ALLOCATION) FOR SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FOR 1977-81. (USUN 144)

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6. SPECIAL FUND BOARD OF GOVERNORS --

THE BOARD CONCLUDED ITS SESSION IN A SINGLE MEETING JAN. 19, DURING WHICH IT TOOK NO DECISIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS BUT AGREED TO RE-ELECT THE OFFICERS WHO HAD SERVED SINCE 1975. THE FUND, WHICH WAS SET UP TO AID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, NOW HAS AVAILABLE ONLY A \$1.6 MILLION CONTRIBUTION FROM VENEZUELA, THE BALANCE FROM A LARGER AMOUNT DONATED LAST YEAR. THE BOARD AUTHORIZED PRESIDENT ALGARD (NORWAY) TO DISCUSS WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS AND THE SECRETARIAT WAYS OF PRESERVING A SMALL SECRETARIAT TO SERVE THE BOARD, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN MARCH.

7. POPULATION COMMISSION --

THE COMMISSION CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES JAN. 17 AND CONCLUDED IT JAN. 18, WHEN IT TOOK UP ACTIVITIES OF BODIES OF THE UN SYSTEM WORKING IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION AND ALSO A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A WORLD-WIDE COMPUTERIZED POPULATION INFORMATION SYSTEM, TO BE KNOWN AS POPINS. THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WOULD BE DECENTRALIZED, WITH EACH COUNTRY HAVING THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ABOUT INFORMATION WHICH IT ENTERS INTO AND RETRIEVES FROM IT, AND IT WOULD HANDLE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL, RATHER THAN STATISTICAL, MATERIAL. JAN. 19 THE COMMISSION AGREED TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF THE "EXPLORATORY PHASE" OF POPINS. IT ALSO DISCUSSED POPULATION PUBLICATIONS, THE 1980 WORLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS PROGRAM, AND A NOTE ON UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES WITHIN POPULATION PROGRAMS.

8. SOVIET BLOC PROTESTS FRG NOMINATION --

THE LISTING OF DR. KURT STOCKMANN, OF THE "FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF CARTELS AND TRUSTS," AN OFFICE
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ILLEGALLY ESTABLISHED IN WEST BERLIN," AS FRG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON A CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WAS THE SUBJECT OF PROTEST LETTERS SENT BY GDR, USSR, UKRAINE AND BULGARIA TO THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE EIGHT LETTERS WERE CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT AS UN DOCUMENTS.

9. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS --

BY NOTES, THE SYG INFORMED THE MISSION OF THE FOLLOWING FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AT UN HEADQUARTERS: AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES -- JAN. 31 - FEB. 11; COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS -- FEB. 7-11; AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM -- FEB. 16 - MARCH 2. (USUN 140, 141, 142)

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